cular threatening their officers with severe punishment if any M. L. C. is approached by them regarding their grievances;

(2) if so, will a copy of the circular be placed on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) No.

(2) Does not arise in view of answer to (1).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether they have issued any circular?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that some similar instruction was given to their officers and that subsequently that instruction has been cancelled? Some such report appeared in the papers of Cochin State.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have not been given any instruction of the kind referred to by the Members. Instructions used to be given by Heads of Departments on many points.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.— Do the Government disapprove the non-official members of this House getting first hand information from the officers concerned?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Are we to take it that no circular or instruction was issued to Government officers that they should not approach Legislative Council Members for the purpose of improving their lot?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No, not issued.

Utilisation of three lakhs of rupees announced in His Highness the Maharaja's Banquet speech for medical relief.

83. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the three lakhs of rupees mentioned in His Highness the Maharaja's Banquet speech been earmarked for any specific work in the medical line;

(b) if so, what is that work; and if not, how do the Government propose utilising it;

(c) will the Ayurvedic section of Medical treatment receive any portion of that amount; if so, what portion of it?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) and (b). Government have not yet formulated definite proposals regarding the distribution of the sum in detail. A scheme is under preparation.

(c) Vide answer to sub-divisions (a) and (b).

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Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(b) Will the Members of this Council be given an opportunity of discussing this scheme before it is acted upon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no proposal to bring it before the Council before orders are issued.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—May we know the reason why the Council need not be consulted when we spend 3 lakhs of rupees?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Such things are not always brought to the Council before orders are passed in the natural course of routine.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Would you give us a chance of going through the scheme and making suggestions, or would you do it without the consent of the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Proposals will come to the House in an indirect fashion. Additional allotment will have to be moved and then you can discuss.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will you give us a chance to criticise your report and suggest alterations? What is the objection in submitting the scheme to our criticism? The person who drafts this scheme may have only one view. Nearly 40 out of 45 may may have another view. I want an answer whether you will consider that question or not.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We will consider that question.

I should correct myself. I said that an additional allotment will have to be moved. I find it is not quite true. It may or may not have to be moved.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Then how is the money to come from?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Whether it is votable or non-votable, whether technically it has to come to the Council or not has not been considered.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know when you are going to spend it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This year.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is not the method of how you claim this money. What we do want is to know for what purpose you are going to put that amount. We are not quite satisfied that this 3 lakhs should be utilised on the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government will seriously consider this question and try their best to satisfy the public.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is the answer given by the Hon'ble Member for Medicine yesterday that 3 lakhs of rupees are to be spent on buildings, correct?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He said, for buildings and equipments.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Who is preparing the scheme?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—At present the Chief Medical Officer has been asked to prepare the scheme and report.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it for constructing new dispensaries or enlarging the existing ones?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao—No orders have been passed. The scheme is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Have the Government any objection to set apart a portion of the amount to the Ayurvedic section of the Medical Department?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Nothing more can be said. Government are considering the whole scheme.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In considering that question cannot the Ayurvedic system of treatment be given a share?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It will be considered.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will you consider in preparing this scheme the rural areas also?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Certainly.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—If this is not to come before this House, I may request that the Government be pleased to extend their sympathy to the Mental Hospital in Trichur which is in a most deplorable condition.

Enquiring if a Panchayat Member is an ex-convict.

84. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—ചേരാനെല്ലൂർ ഗ്രൂപ്പ് പഞ്ചായത്തിലെ ഒരു മെമ്പറായ കാരിത്തറ പത്മനാഭൻ പണിക്കർ എന്നയാൾ ഏതെങ്കിലും കുറ്റത്തിനു എറണാകുളം മജിസ്ട്രേട്ട് കോടതിയിൽ ശിക്ഷിക്കപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ന്യായമായ അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി മറുപടി പറയുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ.—ഈ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുന്നുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും അന്വേഷിയ്ക്കുവാൻ തുടങ്ങീട്ട് എത്ര നാളായി?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ.—ഈ question കിട്ടിയിട്ട ഒരാഴ്ചയേ ആയിട്ടുള്ളൂ. ജനുവരി ഫസ്റ്റ്-ാംതീയതി-യാണ് question കിട്ടിയതു്. അതിനുശേഷം അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി വരുന്നുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—ഈ question കിട്ടുന്നതിനുമുമ്പു് ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള വല്ല ഹർജികളും ഗവ്മെണ്ടിനു കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ.—തല്ക്കാലം ഓർക്കുന്നില്ല.

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